

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, in the "Related Applications" section, please amend the paragraph that begins on line 6 and ends on line 11 according to the following mark-up of that paragraph, in which text to be added is underlined:

This application claims priority to provisional application Serial number 60/403,783, filed August 15, 2002 and is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/777,091, filed February 5, 2001. This application is related to currently pending U.S. application Serial number 10/642,513, entitled "Stent and Method of Forming a Stent with Integral Barbs", of Pavcnik, et al., filed concurrently August 15, 2003, which is incorporated by reference herein.

On page 10, following the paragraph that begins on line 4 with "FIG. 1 depicts..." and preceding the paragraph that begins on line 6 with "FIG. 2 depicts...", please insert the following new paragraph:

-- FIG. 1A depicts a magnified view of the area circled in FIG. 1. --

On page 10, following the paragraph that begins on line 7 with "FIG. 3 depicts..." and preceding the paragraph that begins on line 9 with "FIG. 4 depicts...", please insert the following new paragraphs:

-- FIG. 3A depicts a magnified view of area 3A circled in FIG. 3. --

-- FIG. 3B depicts a magnified view of area 3B circled in FIG. 3. --